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Sir:

Reconsideration of the rejection on the ground of double patenting of the obviousness type imposed in the Office Action dated January 27, 2004 solicited in the light of the following Remarks.